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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced and Lehigh County District Attorney James Martin today announced the filing of a three-count indictment charging ATIBA WRIGHT with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, and convicted felon in possession of a firearm.¹ The indictment charges that on January 4, 2007, in Allentown, WRIGHT possessed a loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol in furtherance of marijuana trafficking.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Atiba Wright	Allentown, PA	25 years

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, including a mandatory minimum 5 years of imprisonment consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

This case is part of the "222 Corridor Anti-Gang Initiative," a federally funded program designed to defeat some of the most violent and pervasive gangs in the country. The "222 Corridor" includes the cities of Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Reading, Lancaster, York, and Harrisburg. This initiative combines federal, state, and local law enforcement resources to attack gang crime and violence throughout the corridor.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives and the Allentown Police Department and has been assigned to Special Assistant United States Attorney Christie F. Bonesch.

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